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> *WOODSIDE NAMED*
> *AS GYPSY ALAMO*
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> *Ustiben reports:*
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> *A reporter and photographer from*
> *the Beds on Sunday founded that there*
> *are now over 70 trailers at >WOODSIDE<*
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> *Their report appears today:*
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> *GYPSY ALAMO*
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> *GYPSIES at Hatch are barricading themselves*
> *in to prevent the council evicting them.*
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> *They say they will turn Woodside Carvan Park*
> *into the 'Gypsy Almo'.*
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> *After losing another planning appeal, residents*
> *have fortified the site in a bid to prevent attempts*
> *to forcibly remove them.*
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> *On Friday they began to secure the site and plan*
> *to erect a large marquee and small tents to house*
> *the 600 - 1,000 supporters expected to join them.*
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> *They have begun to erect barricades using cars,*
> *trucks, planks of wood and banners in a bid to*
> *prevent any council contractors getting onto the*
> *site.*
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> *They plan to block the entrances with human*
> *shields and lorries full of concrete. The boundaries*
> *are already blocked with mounds of earth and ditches,*
> *deepened with the use of a hired digger.*
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> *Up to 70 civil rights groups, including the Anti-Nazi*

- > *League and the Jewish Socialist Group, are expected.*
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- > *(Ustiben adds: support is also pledged by Europe-Roma,*
- > *Gypsy Council for Culture, Education and Civil Rights,*
- > *Roma Opre, Roma Support Group, Irish Travellers*
- > *Movement, Friends, Families and Travellers and the*
- > *Trans-European Roma Federation, as well as the*
- > *Labour Party Campaign for Travellers Rights.)*
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- > *Park spokesman Clifford Codona said, "We will not be moved".*
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- > *"We have set up barricades and ditches all around the site*
- > *and I will not leave here unless I'm dragged handcuffed into*
- > *a police car and even that won't stop me.*
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- > *"We've arranged for food parcels to be dropped here by a friend*
- > *with a helicopter.*
- > *"We know weapons are illegal but how about dozens of boxes*
- > *of tomatoes to throw? The council wants to kick us out of our home.*
- > *They won't. We are turning this into a Gypsy Alamo."*
- > *Another resident said: "Look what they've done to us. I wasn't*
- > *ever ill before I came here - the stress we are under is immense.e*
- > *"We just want a peaceful life."*
- > *This week Secretary of State John Prescott dismissed appeals*
- > *against a group of planning applications by residents*
- > *for permanent caravans on the site.*
- > *A judicial review of Mid Bedfordshire District Council's*
- > *decision to undertake enforcement action against the*
- > *residents will be heard in the High Court tomorrow (24 June).*
- > *If the council wins, it will be free to remove caravans and*
- > *other buildings by force. Mid Bedfordshire Council*
- > *declined to comment.*
- > *Picture shows Gypsy children at a barricade.*
- > **CLIFF CODONA APPEAL**
- > *Please voice your opposition to this act of "ethnic cleansing-UK style*
- > *1) email members of Beds Council hendryp@csd.bedfordshire*
- > *brian.e.collier@uk.uumail.com*
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- > *2) send in your TELEPHONE NUMBER or email so you can get a RED ALERT*
- > *eviction starts*
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- > *3) come to the High Court, Strand, London, on Monday or Tuesday (24, 25*
- > *June) to picket*
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- > *4) come to Woodside, Hatch, near Sandy, close to A1, with a trailer caravan*
- > *or tent.*
- > *Or you can stay in the marquee - and enjoy singsongs around the camp*
- > *fire - before*
- > *the council come early morning. Pleant of room for trailers and*

> holiday caravans.
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> This stand we are making here is for ALL TRAVELLERS IN THE UK, and EUROPE
> Our stand will help bring attention to our cause and is in support of the
> TRAVELLER
> LAW REFORM BILL, a version of which gets a First Hearing in the House of
> Commons on 10 July.
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> SO THIS IS IT!! JOIN THE GYPSY ALAMO. WE ARE WAITING FOR MORE VOICES
> TO COME IN!!
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> The Patrin Web Journal - www.Patrin.com
> A RomNews Network Partner - www.RomNews.com
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> Gratton,
> Update of the (Woodside Gypsy Alamo)
> Change of heart everyone here is sticking together and fighting to the death.
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> This includes all the rest who are not part of the planning refusal and all
> the Irish Travellers as well.
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> We will not give in (No Retreat No surrender) We are fighting for our homes
> and our families future.
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> Hoping to see you on Monday at the Courts, have done a count of the number of
> people on site. .
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> Total number of Adults are 129, Total number of children 94.
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> This is how many Human Beings that will be Draged off and made Homeless,
> Cliff.
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> PS, United we stand divided we fall,
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